Organists' Guild to Meet April 26 in Mead Chapel For Annual Convention

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Allen And Hallock Selected To Head "Saxonian" Board

Catherine Andrus '39 to Be New Art Editor of Publication

THREE ASSOCIATE EDITORS ELECTED

Anuual Saxonian elections were held Friday filling 1938 staff positions on both the editorial and business boards.

Everett S. Allen '38, whose poem "City River" won honorable mention in the recent poetry contest, was elected editor-in-chief. Associate editor's positions went to Edward B. Hayward, Robert J. Matteson and Claribel M. Nothnagle '38. Edward E. Palmer, Stanley E. Sprague and Pauline J. Pomeroy '39 were picked for contributing editors.

Catherine J. Andrus '39 was made art editor, Edward C. Hallock '38, business manager, and Jane F. Abbott '38, advertising manager. Frances E. Kellogg and Gertrude M. Bittle '39 received positions as assistant advertising managers, and Robert L. Boyd, Robert R. Rathbone and Richard C. Sabra '39 as assistant business managers. Professor Reginald L. Cook will continue as faculty advisor.

For the next edition, which will be published about the middle of May, the Saxonian is sponsoring a short story contest. This will be open to all undergraduates, and there are no res-

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EDITOR OF SATURDAY REVIEW SPEAKS ON PRESENT STATUS OF AMERICAN FICTION

SAYS LITERATURE OF TODAY ADULT AND REALISTIC BUT NOT GREAT

By Jeannette E. Martin '40

Before a fairly large audience in Mead chapel last night Bernard De Voto, editor of the Saturday Review of Literature, clarified "The Present Status of American Fiction" prophesied the future of American fiction, and defied Sinclair Lewis. Last night's lecture might be compared to an intellectual lamb chop, nourishing, though without any frilled pantaloons of dramatic interpretation. The speaker made no attempt to establish a bridge of sympathy between his audience and himself.

After prefacing his talk with several remarks about criticism, the speaker went on to generalize concerning the tendencies of contemporary American fiction, describing it as "more adult, more interesting, and more artistic". Mr. De Voto called the attention of his listeners to the fact that the modern novelist has treated every phase of contemporary life and that fiction of this type is "reportorial, sociological, and realistic". He said that the commonest mood is one of protest and indignation.

Mr. De Voto characterized the years since 1912 as being a literary period of great brilliance, energy, fervor, and very good second-rate work, but hardly the work of genius. He then went on to express the somewhat surprising opinion that Sinclair Lewis is the leading novelist of this generation. The speaker supported his statement by asserting that Mr. Lewis has a wider knowledge of America and American life than any other present-day novelist, although he has created only one memorable character, Babbitt.

Mr. De Voto's general attitude toward contemporary American fiction seemed to be one of condescension, though, at the same time, he admitted that it was the literary form best suited to portraying the "hard realities" of contemporary life. He made the rather provocative statement that, if he were asked to name the outstanding writer of the day, he would have to place a poet and a critic before a novelist.

As to modern poetry, last night's speaker asserted that there are very few poets of anything but minor capabilities whose work is appearing today, while twentieth century novelists are using poetic moods of expression better than our poets are doing. This observation seemed a bit inconsistent with his earlier classification of modern novel-writing as being journalistic. There surely is little poetic mood in a newspaper.

Speaking of the proletarian movement in literature, Mr. De Voto said that "there may yet be a proletariat literature in America, but it will come only when there is a proletariat and artists can derive material from their own personal experience". The speaker observed that, at present, we seem to stand between two literary generations and are consequently, too close to see it in perspective, though we must distinguish the significant from the merely fashionable.

Mr. De Voto referred to John Dos

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Beverly White

Organist Guild To Convene Monday

Cochrane Penick, Famous Musician, to Give Recital Assisted by Doris Penick

On Monday, April 26, will be held a regional convention of the Vermont-New Hampshire chapter of the American Guild of Organists, in Mead chapel. This will be a regular meeting of the organization and will be open to the public.

At two o'clock the afternoon program will begin with organ recitals by members of the chapter. These will be followed at three-thirty by a discussion and social period at which tea will be served in Forest hall. Cochrane Penick will give a recital at four-thirty, assisted by Doris Sease Penick, violinist. At five-thirty there will be a chime concert and demonstration by Sidney P. White '37.

Cochran Penick, who is to be the principal guest organist, is a native of Austin, Texas. He studied music in New York at the Institute of Musical Art, and graduated from the School of Sacred Music at Union Seminary in that city, where he studied organ with Dr. Clarence Dickinson. Following this he was for a time head of the organ department at Louisiana State university and has more recently been organist of a church in Shreveport, Louisiana.

Monday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock an organ recital will be presented by Harold Frantz, instructor in music, and Katherine R. Stackel '37. Their program will include four Bach compositions as well as representative selections from English, American, French, and German composers. At 4:30 in the afternoon Cochrane Penick, guest organist, will give a program of organ music assisted by Doris S. Penick, violinist.

Novel Decorations To Be Feature Of 1937 Junior Prom

Gymnasium to Be Lighted By Reflection from Crystal Ball

BEVERLY WHITE TO BE HOPKINS' SINGER

Exotic, multi-colored beams of light will cut across the dance floor to provide a background for the music of Claude Hopkins, his orchestra and Beverly White, the featured soloist, at the Junior Prom on the first night of Junior Week.

The Crystal ball, one of the most novel and popular decorations of the year, will hang from the center of the gym reflecting the colored light onto the dancers. Featured at dances at Dartmouth, Yale, Cornell and Harvard the Crystal ball will be taken from Middlebury to Amherst by its owner, Louis E. Tisdale of Leominster, Mass.

The chaperons for the prom will be President and Mrs. Paul D. Moody, Lieutenant Governor and Mrs. William Wills, Dean Eleanor S. Ross, Dean Burt A. Hazeltine and Prof. and Mrs. Raymond L. Barney.

Something new and different in programs is also planned this year. A nineteenth century motif will be carried out with art work done by Charles J. Harvi '37. Emphasizing the escape from work to play which is so characteristic of Junior Week, the program will also be humorous in vein.

Friday night, May 14, will be stunt night. This year will mark the first time that the neutral body has been represented in this event, as the independent association is planning to present an act as well as all the fraternity and some of the women's organizations.

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State Men To Get Ten Scholarships

Will Have Interviews With Committee for Selection During Last Part of May

Middlebury College awards each year ten scholarships of $1.000 to boys who are residents of Vermont. The awards are based on the general plan of the Rhodes scholarships

Applications for these scholarships were to have been sent to the director of admissions by April 15. In the last part of the coming May, about forty boys, whose applications have been accepted, will come to Middlebury to take psychology tests, and to have interviews with the committee of selection. The several fraternities will act as their hosts, and will furnish entertainment for them.

The committee of selection, consisting of the president, two members of the board of trustees, the dean of men, and the director of admissions, looks for qualities of manhood, force of character, and leadership in those who are to receive these scholarships. Literary and scholastic ability is taken into consideration, as well as abilities in extra-curricular activities. The committee also looks for physical vigor, as evidenced by interest in outdoor sports or other activities of manly skill.

Women Debaters Meet Two Out of State Teams

Carol Bloom '37 and Jane W Kingsley '38 represented Middlebury in a non-decision debate with Upsala college at East Orange, N. J., Monday night. The question discussed was resolved: that Congress shall be empowered to fix minimum wages and maximum hours of industry. The duo upheld the affirmative in the encounter.

Tuesday night, Elizabeth B. Knox '37 and Miss Bloom took the negative of the same question in a decision contest with New York university. Miss Bloom was the rebuttal speaker in both cases.

Miss Cox Will Present Vocational Talk Friday

On Friday at 4:00 p. m. in Forest hall Miss Muriel Cox, assistant director of the Chamberlain School of Art in Boston, will speak to the members of the women's college on the subject of "Making the Most of Your Personal Appearance." Miss Cox is the last in the series of speakers to be presented at different times during the year.

Miss Cox comes with the highest of recommendations and she has lectured at many women's clubs, colleges, and business schools. At the present time she is giving lectures in the Katherine Gibbs school in Boston on, "Fashion in Business".

Mountain Club Will Select New Board

Annual Elections to be Held Monday; Two Hikes Are Planned For This Week

The Mountain club will sponsor two hikes this week-end. The mystery hike, postponed last Sunday, will be held this week.

Elections to the governing board of the mountain club will be held Monday April 26. At a meeting of the Skyline held April 12, the following names were suggested for nominations. Others may be nominated from the floor. For president: Frederick D. Camp '38, Deane F. Kent '38 and Bert F. MacFadden '38. For treasurer: William P. Hermann '39. For committee on membership and equipment: Sam M. Warner '39, Marjory C. Arnold '38, Emily M. Barclay '39, and one of the defeated candidates for the presidency. For the commissary: Catherine J. Andrus '39, and Margaret B. Ray '39. For the committee on trips, trails and cabins: Stephen W. Scott '38, and one of the defeated candidates for president. For recorder: Claribel M. Nothnagle '38, Audrey V. Dimm '39 and Anne F. Sargeant '38. For Carnival Chairman: Gordon Barrows '39, and John Gray '39. For co-chairman, Eleanor M. Jeshke '39.

Peace Forum Will Be Held Thursday

Faculty Members to Speak In Demonstration Uniting With National Movement

Middlebury will register its approval of the student movement for world peace with a peace forum to be held in Mead chapel tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock.

Five professors will speak on the various phases of the war problem. The causes of international conflict will be discussed by Prof. Robert Davis and Prof. Paul Rusby. Prof. Ellsworth B. Cornwall will talk on the present situation in America and the possible effects of another world war. Solutions for the prevention of war will be discussed by Prof. Waldo H. Heinrichs and Prof. Harry M. Fife.

Classes will be shortened and chapel omitted to permit time for the forum. The meeting is Middlebury's part in the nationwide campaign being waged by the United Student Peace Committee, an organization of fifteen student groups including the YMCA, YWCA, the National Intercollegiate Christian Council, the National Student Federation of America.

The program of the United Student Peace Committee includes a demand that universities be demilitarized by the passage of the Nye-Kvale bill to eliminate compulsory military training, opposition to the increased national war budget.

President Moody To Lecture On Bible For English Majors

Friday April 30 has been set as the date for the next meeting of the English majors' to be held in the Abernethy room. Pres. Paul D. Moody has been asked to speak to the group and he has chosen as his topic, the Bible and its relation to English literature.

Prof. Reginald L. Cook was the speaker at the last meeting and he lectured to the group on the general relationship between American and English literature.

DEBATERS LOSE TO HOBART COLLEGE IN FINAL ENCOUNTER

Engaging in the last forensic encounter of the 1936-37 season, the Middlebury debating team lost to Hobart college 2-1 Friday evening.

The Blue and White upheld the affirmative of the question, resolved: that Congress be permitted to enact laws regulating minimum wages and maximum hours for industry.

John F. Darrow '37, Ralph W. Pickard '37, and Glenn H. Leggett '40 made up the Middlebury team, basing their arguments on the definite need of maximum hours and minimum wages, their benefit to labor, their benefit to industry through increased purchasing power, and offered a definite plan of action, similar to the interstate commerce commission.

Saxonian No Exception to Professional Competition Which Menaces Status of Collegiate Publications

By Joe Allen '38

The literary publication of any college is faced with a single problem with which it undoubtedly must always contend—the fact that it is necessarily an amateur production competing with the professional field. Consider the average reader of the Saxonian; literature, to him, means one of two things, and frankly, if he considers the publication without adequate consideration, he will not be satisfied. If literature means action to him, he can get a better action story in the Saturday Evening Post for a nickel; if his tastes run to character analysis or philosophy, Scribner's and possibly Esquire will appear to him definitely superior. And he cannot be condemned, but at the same time he should consider the unfairness of the competition. College writers do not produce a "Farewell To Arms" or a Jesse Stuart short story, because they have not the background. They are still in the experimental stage just as the college readers are still experimental critics. Literary products of any campus should be considered from the point of view of their potentialities, not as finished products.

As Editor Hoffmann remarks of the last issue of the Saxonian "the present issue, taken in the large, fulfills better than any of this year's previous numbers the policy raised at the beginning of the year." It is undeniably true that this past year has seen a definite advance in the type and variety of Saxonian literature. This is not because the creative minds on campus are any more active or any greater in number but because a greater effort has been made to tap a wide variety of intellects. It is a step in the right direction; diversification is one of the trade marks of the modern edu-

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STRIKING FOR STABILITY

Strikes long have monopolized national news as Lewis-dominated labor battles against the entrenched power of corporate giants. Now, the collective-action technique is to be applied once more in another struggle, less spectacular but fully as significant,—the fight of college youth against the grim and ever-present sceptre of military madness. Confounding elements critical of its refusal to sanction a speech by "radical" Jerome Davis, the Administration, by approving local participation in tomorrow's widespread peace demonstration, has recognized the outstanding phenomenon of the last two decades,—an accelerating upsurge of world-wide interest in social and international problems.

Two antithetical groups, proletariat and intelligentsia, are central components of the swelling flood which favors deconcentration of economic power and preservation of peace. Both workingmen and students are strong in numbers and enthusiasm, but weak in wealth and unity. Until the unionist realizes that high wages and short hours are intimately connected with a warless world and the under-graduate pacifist sees that international stability is impossible wihout economic justice to all classes, such affairs as C. I. O. "sit-downs" and student peace strikes can be of but little lasting value.

AN OVERGROWN CHILD

Forty-eight selected Mountain Club members will meet Monday afternoon to choose, among other things, a chairman of the 1937 Winter Carnival. If the election runs true to established form, voters, little acquainted with merits or past efforts of the various candidates, will ballot according to pre-conceived prejudices, perhaps defeating the most deserving or able man. Fortunately, this obviously ill-founded system has produced capable Carnival leaders in the last two years, but there is altogether too large a possibility of a disastorous mistake.

The remedy is drastic but simple. First, the Mountain Club, with the same foresight it displayed in founding the Carnival, must completely sever connection with it. The winter holiday now is more than able to stand on its own financial feet and the outing organization should be allowed to concentrate on hikes and trail work.

Secondly, the co-chairmen should be seniors, not juniors. This would permit a longer tryout period than now is possible. Furthermore, an active faculty adviser would be necessary for keeping tryout records and approving large expenditures.

Thirdly, an actual merit system must be established. The line of successful progression during the four college years, based in each case on records compiled by Carnival workers in the higher stages, would be committee tryout, committee member, committee chairman, and Carnival chairman.

Finally, any profits which might be made from Carnival entertainments should be split between a reserve fund and co-chairmen in the ratio of 30-35-35, by an arrangement similar to that already operating with student publications. Direction of the February festival is a task that deserves as much financial renumeration as possible.

This four-point program would recognize the importance to which the Carnival has grown. It would make capable leadership reasonably certain and, finally, furnish chairman and tryouts with a monetary incentive to do their best. We urge the Skyline to adopt measures which would effectuate the plan at its meeting.

A. C. P. CRITICISM OF CAMPUS DISCUSSED BY FORMER EDITOR

By Marshall Sewell '37

Middlebury's journalists, during the boom and post-boom era extending down to 1933, produced drab weekly issues that projected in print the cold, gray atmosphere of a typical cloudy day on the lower campus. The front page was a stereotyped layout, characterized by three standard four-bank headlines, or what the CAMPUS calls "A-heads".

Then, during the past two administrations, Wednesday's children played more freely with liberal make-up ideas, and streamer heads and unbalanced layouts changed the hitherto conservative front page. But the Associated Collegiate Press writes no perfect record for the CAMPUS under our administration. We have been labelled "good" and given a second-class honor rating, but, if we are to consider the criticisms made by the ACP, the CAMPUS is still the "Boston Transcript" of American college publications.

This week's issue begins a new style in Middlebury journalism based on the ACP scorebook. Notice this page. Although a high rating was given the "edit page" by the association, a variety in make-up was urged. Interesting news heads invite readers, while column labels grow monotonous week after week. The same applies to news stories.

Anyone who has worked on a paper knows that the most tiring job is headline writing, the fitting of an accurate number of letters on each line of the head. In this the CAMPUS was good, but too good. We were not specific, writes the ACP.

This is not another swan song by the past CAMPUS board, but it is a ripe time to point out that the advances which the present board has already made were facilitated by the changes made in the last two years. Middlebury is slow to grasp new ideas, and evolution is justifiably preferred to revolution.

NOTICES

To the Freshmen:

All members of the Freshman class are asked to consult their freshman advisers before May 1 to determine their major fields of study for the next three years.

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A Peace Forum will be held in Mead Chapel tomorrow, Thursday, April 22. Chapel will be omitted and the schedule of classes will be as follows:

8:00 o'clock classes	8:00— 8:45
9:00 o'clock classes	8:50— 9:30
10:30 o'clock classes	9.35—10:15
11:30 o'clock classes	10:20—11:00

The Administration Committee

Al Bouvier, Eighty Year Resident, Remembers Teaching Staff of Six

By Robert W. Lord '39

In our wanderings about town we happened to stop at a small grey house on the south side of the village inhabited by Al Bouvier, Middlebury's Professor without Portfolio.

You all know Al—the short chap, rather bent, who celebrates his eightieth birthday this year. Probably he knows more first-hand history of Middlebury and her college than any resident in these parts—and local histories of any sort are of interest to us.

Al wasn't well, not at all well. He had been hurt by an auto—we didn't know this, did you? He was, however, as willing to oblige as usual and told us of much of his experiences and memories of Middlebury, her college on the hill and her people.

An American Citizen

Mr. Bouvier was born in 1857 in New Haven, Vt., very near here, of Canadian parents, but is himself an American citizen, having lived all his life in Vermont. At the age of a year-and-a-half he came to Middlebury and has lived here the remainder of his life with the exception of short trips.

When it was time for Al to go to school he went to a brick building near the old girls' seminary. This school was very close to the campus—but what a difference then from now!

"The College" was at that time just Old Chapel row with Painter, Old Chapel and Starr caring for the handful of students. A white picket fence, still to be seen in old prints, surrounded the grounds. The faculty at that time consisted of six professors, besides the principal, Dr. Kitchell.

Prize Chicken

One morning when Al went to feed his prize chickens he found every one stolen—not a trace to be seen. Al saw a gang of the College boys standing on the walk laughing at him. Maddened, Al went up to the biggest one, tipped his head back so he could see his face, and offered to take him on unless he gave back the chickens. The fellow laughed at the "spunky little cuss" and said, "If you go over to Old Chapel I think you might find all of them. They're holding early morning classes." —"And there they all were," concluded Al, "roosting on the chandeliers, which were used for light before the introduction of electricity."

"Another favorite prank," he continued, "was to hide the Old Chapel bell in the sandbank west of the College. Then the boys couldn't be called to classes."

With the wish that the same disposal could be made of the electric bell system, we said good-bye, hurrying back to the inevitable classes and leaving with his thoughts one of the traditions of old Middlebury.

CURRENT GLIMPSES

by Robert J. M. Matteson '38

DID YOU KNOW??? That Washington had never lost a baseball game which Roosevelt attended until Monday??? That Garner was once a professional second-baseman??? That Governor Aiken, Vermont, sent Congress a telegram advising laws similar to his state??? That WPA has a publicity staff of over 300 working on news releases???

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CIO — Farmers' attack on Hershey "sit-downers" shows latent opposition to labor movement. Lewis arousing much antagonosm by going too fast. Hepburn, liberal, resolved to keep CIO from Canada because thinks not for workers' best interests in long run. Legality of "sit-downs" can be based on "laborer's right to his job". Organizers willing to call Wagner act election only when certain have majority.

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CONFERENCE—Britain's desire for "stick in the closet" spoils possibility of conference of nation head's conceived by Roosevelt. Hitler now has plan along that line but unwilling to make any arms concessions. Roosevelt to concentrate on Latin-American policies as soon as two big reorganization bills out of way.

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POLITICS—Michigan elections on CIO issue showed New Deal support slipping only slightly. However, Gallup poll claims Roosevelt lost 8 per cent since November 3. President hopes Supreme Court fight forgotten by November '38.

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BUDGET—New Deal early estimates too optimistic. Must choose between combining relief and unbalanced budget or paring relief, gaining liberal opposition and balanced finances. Spending course probably still in order.

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NOTES—Vermont refused more than 300 millions in Federal funds since New Deal . .. Imports of agricultural products to US increased over 50 percent last year . . . Lewis planning big drive in General Electric . . . ICC considering another reduction in railroad rates . . . Airplane lines have raised their rates on average of 10 percent.

Bootleg Mining In Eastern Pennsylvania Coal Deposits Presents Drastic Social Problem To Legitimate Workers

Twenty Thousand Laborers Gain Sole Employment From Racket

By James R. Akers '40

By this time everybody probably knows that bootleg coal is anthracite stolen from the ground and marketed by truck as far away as 250 miles from the hills of eastern Pennsylvania where it is mined. But probably everybody does not realize the immensity of this problem. Today between 20,000 and 25,000 men make bootlegging their sole employment. During the past winter these thieves removed and disposed of 5,000,000 tons, and took in an aggregate of $40,000,000.

This, of course, is actual stealing; and the coal companies lose business because of the underselling of these "amateurs", but they are helpless. Governor Earle has refused to send state police to guard the property, and no jury will convict the bootleggers—because no merchant or salesman will indict a man for engaging in a livelihood that helps keep him in business, and no employed miner will even consider the evidence that accuses a man of being what he himself may be at any time.

"God Put It There . . . "

But this is not the story of the troubles of the mine operators. I am going to tell of the bootleggers, for I know them and have lived with them. I have seen their pitiful little holes in the ground and can see their point of view when they say, "Well, God put that coal there, and if the Company don't mine it, we will." Of course the Company owns the land and has paid taxes on the unmined coal for years but a man doesn't think of that when his kids are at home crying for food and things to wear. He thinks of how to make some money, and the only way he knows of making money is to mine and sell coal. So, not finding a legitimate job, he becomes a bootlegger.

But let's have an example. Let's consider Joe Snider. Joe isn't one man, he's the epitome of the bootlegger, representing the majority of the 25,000. In the first place his name isn't Snider, but has been changed from Kozlosky or Czeckovich to something more pronouncable.

Lewis and Strike

Anthracite mining was a booming industry in 1924, and Joe had plenty of money to spend. But the next year John L. Lewis called a strike, and hardly a ton of anthracite left the ground that winter. When the effects of the strike were over, and the depression had begun, thousands of Joe Sniders found themselves without work—hotels and apartments and private homes had learned to do without the clean, long-burning but expensive fuel.

In desperation, Joe began to dig a little coal from an abandoned Company mine and trade it at the store for groceries. This seemed pretty "radical" to some, but it was all he could do. To the company, however, it was cheap relief and good insurance against labor disorders, so it turned its back on the whole affair.

State Government Refuses to Protect Property of Mine Owners

A Growing Custom

More and more of these bootleg mines were sunk, so that now the hills around Shamokin and Pottsville and Minersville are full of little foxholes, where

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Band Makes Plans For Dual Programs

To Participate in Activities Of Junior Week and Senior Week

Revived by the prospect of Junior Week and Senior Week concerts, the band is now conducting weekly rehearsals.

Following the precedent of past years the organization, under the direction of Harold Frantz, instructor of music, is planning to present a concert on Sunday night, May 16, in conjunction with the interfraternity and intersorority singing on the steps of Mead chapel. Among the selections which the band is rehearsing for presentation at that time are "Oberon Overture" by Weber, "Deep Purple" by Derose.

The next performance contemplated after Junior Week will be a part of the activities of Senior Week. The band will march in the Commencement procession and in addition will present a concert featuring a similar repertoire to that presented during Junior Week.

At the present time there are 35 members. New members from both the men's and women's colleges are earnestly desired and any who are interested are requested to come to any of the weekly rehearsals, specific dates of which are announced in chapel.

PROFESSOR HOWARD WRITES BOOK USED AS COLLEGE TEXT

"Mental Health", written by Prof. F. E. Howard of Middlebury College and Dr. Fredrick L. Patry, psychiatrist in the New York state department of education, has been adopted as a text in more than sixty colleges and universities offering courses in the field of mental hygiene.

The book, published in January, 1935, by the college department of Harper and Brothers, has been strongly commended by a number of outstanding authorities on the subject.

Written primarily as a textbook for teachers and professors of college and university courses, the book is a theoretical analysis of the mental mechanism, its condition in health and disease, with particular emphasis on the discussion of problem children.

A Tempo Club Elections To Be Held on Tuesday

The next meeting of the A Tempo club will be held on Tuesday, April 27 in Pearsons social hall at 7:45 p. m. At this time, the elections for next year's officers will take place and after this business several members of the club will present a program on modern and ultra-modern composers.

After the next meeting, applications are to be in order for membership into the club. Only those who have had some theoretical and practical experience with music will be admitted.

Neutral Group Planning Junior Week Activities

With the prospect of participating for the first time in the interfraternity activities of Junior Week, the independent association discussed stunt night plans at the regular Monday night meeting.

In addition to taking part in stunt night representatives of the organization expect to engage in step-singing which will conclude acivities of the week on the evening of May 16. With nine men active members of the choir the independent association should good record in this competition. To date the independent association has an enrollment of thirty-five members.

Ickstadt '38 To Give Burlington Concert

Recital in City Hall Will Be Sponsored to Assist Small Churches in State

Middlebury's only member of the Vermont state symphony orchestra, Werner P. Ickstadt '38, will give a violin recital in the city hall at Burlington, April 23. He will be accompanied on the piano by Evelyn B. Adriance '38.

The recital is being sponsored by the First Church of Burlington for the benefit of small town churches in the state of Vermont. The First Church boasts the largest congregation of any church in the country north of Boston.

Ickstadt began studying music with Prof. William Hollmann, instructor at the Munich conservatory of music in Germany. After coming to this country, he spent two years with Max Jacobs in New York city.

Concerto, E Minor ------Mendelssohn
Sonata, A Major --------Cesar Franck
Siciliano et Rigandon --------Kreisler
Walther's Prize Song --------Wagner
Hejre Kati ----------Jeno Huboy

Wheaton President Gives Vespers Talk

J. Edgar Park Discusses "Pons Assinorum" as Sunday Text

Dr. J. Edgar Park, president of Wheaton college, was the speaker at vespers on Sunday. His text, taken from I Chronicles XXVIII:9, was, "And thou, Solomon my son, know thou the God of thy father, and serve him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind."

Dr. Park began by stating that the experience of trying to make something out of life is a "pons assinorum". This is an obstacle which must be passed, and ability to overcome it determines success or failure in life.

The first thing to remember he said in developing one's mind to such a step is the "grind of effort". "There are many thrills in life, but none are like that of exploiting yourself to your capacity. Men are not like machines," he said, "which when empty can go no further".

However, that is not the aim and end of life, said the speaker. He explained that the second stage might be called the "birth of interest". "A satisfactory man is one who does not force himself to do the things he should, but rather learns to like to do them." After this, one should become a person to whom new ideas occur.

The part religion plays is giving a source of unexpected help to the deserving. This is entirely up to the individual. "When you have done your part", said Dr. Park, "suddenly the whole cosmos of the world comes to your aid." Every man who dares to pass the "pons assinorum" should sooner or later come to have the feeling that even his poor life can play its part in the world.

College Calendar

Wednesday—
8:15 p. m. Experimental plays at Playhouse.

Thursday—
5:00 p. m. Student union meeting, Mead chapel.
7:15 p. m. Women's forum meeting, Forest hall recreation room.

Friday—
4:00 p. m. Vocational lecture at Forest hall.
7:00 p. m. Orchestra rehearsal, Mead chapel.
7:00 and 7:45 Small group vocational conferences, Forest hall.

Saturday—
Alpha Xi Delta formal at the Middlebury inn.

Sunday—
5:00 p. m. Vespers, Dean Charles R. Brown of Yale university, speaker.

Monday—
Meeting of American Guild of Ornanists afternoon and evening, Mead chapel.

Tuesday—
7:45 p. m. A Tempo club meeting Pearsons hall.
2:00 — 6:00 p. m. Vocational conferences for seniors of women's college.

Dr. Charles R. Brown to Speak at Chapel Sunday

Dr. Charles R. Brown, dean of Yale divinity school, will speak at vespers on Sunday. He received his A. B. degree from the University of Iowa, and his D.D. from Oberlin college. At Wesleyan university he obtained his L.L.D. Since 1928 he has been dean emeritus of Yale.

Dr. Brown has studied professionally in Egypt and Palestine, and has been a lecturer on religion at various colleges in the United States.

As an author he has written many books, including The Art of Preaching, The Quest of Life, and These Three.

Typical Vermont Scenes Subjects of Schnackenberg Oils and Watercolors Now on Exhibit in Forest Hall

Familiar Vermont scenes are the principal subject of an exhibit of Schnakenberg oils and watercolors displayed in Forest hall this week.

Paintings of Camel's Hump, a slate mill at Poultney, quarried marble, and landscapes around Manchester, Londonderry, Pawlet, and Sunderland are conspicuous in the show of over thirty items. The pictures favored by the early visitors at the exhibit were those without catalogued locations, "Chilly Day", "Farm Buildings", "Vermont Hills", "The Wheatfield," "Picnic".

The larger landscapes of Henry Schnakenberg show much in common with Luccione, another interpreter of Vermont, but Schnakenberg's work is less detailed, less photographic. He has caught the significance of Vermont clouds which of themselves express temperature: clouds of early autumn; clouds steaming off the mountains after a storm; clouds of July and Indian summer. "The Wheatfield" and "Fertile Valley" are the two most popular, and incidentally the largest pictures in the collection, but "Chilly Day" showing a rider on a bleak November day stopping for a chat, silhouetted against naked trees, a mass of snow laden clouds and bleak hills, is one of the most significant.

The long periods that the artist has spent in Europe are represented by only four watercolors "Seville", "Chartres", "Chateau Gaillard" and "Court of Oranges". The latter is remarkable in the success with which it portrays a hot Spanish midday, with shadows on the ground.

From the point of color and pattern "Cat and Kittens" is most interesting. In this picture the difficult problem of singling out the animal life from the almost tropical background is capably handled.

Schnakenberg is an American born painter and though he has traveled widely in Europe and the United States, his most successful pictures are interpretations of Vermont.

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Library Recreational Reading Room To Reach Completion In Near Future

Informal Atmosphere Will Be Stressed in New Department

To the Editor:

As the Library's long-announced new reading room will be ready for use soon, late in this month or early in May, it may be worth while now to avoid misunderstanding by offering an explanation of its purpose and place in the Library.

It is hoped, primarily, that this attractive and comfortably furnished room will foster and extend the under-graduate inclination to pass leisure moments with books. For this reason, the books on its shelves will cover a very wide range of subject matter, extending all the way from popular books on sport and hobbies to recent fiction and editions of contemporary poets. Books of an academic nature will be avoided, and so will the more obviously popular publications; but within these extremes it will be hard to name (when the collection is complete) an interest not represented. The books, as far as possible, are being chosen with an eye to the attractiveness of their type and format. The whole field of current periodicals will also be a part of the reading matter there.

The room will be provided and equipped for recreational reading, not for work, and will probably be the one spot on campus where study is discouraged. The exception to this rule lies in the fact that students using current periodicals for research purposes will use them there, writing tables being provided for this purpose. It would make a large unnecessary expense to dupicate many of the magazines or to place different current magazines in different parts of the Library. But with this exception, it is hoped that the room will be used entirely for recreational reading.

Any reading room must be reasonably quiet and would defeat its own ends if it were open for general conversation or social functions. But on the other hand, the Library would like to place as little control as possible on conduct or conversation in the informal reading room, and will limit conversation there only if its relaxation of the ordinary rules seems to be abused. The use of the room for social gatherings of any sort, however, is not contemplated.

The Committee

(The committee in charge of arrangements incudes the following: Prof. Richard L. Brown, chairman; Mrs. William S. Burrage, Randall W. Hoffmann '37, Miss Rose E. Martin, Eleanor G. Milligan '37, Mrs. Paul Moody, Prof. H. Goddard Owen, Ralph W. Pickard '37, Mr. Wyman W. Parker, librarian.)

BOOTLEG METHODS BEING PRACTICED IN ANTHRACITE FIELDS

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men risk their lives day after day, braving cave-ins and gas to eke out a living.

It's not very hard to get into this business. All you need is a knowledge of where the coal lies, some timber for "shoring up" the sides and roof of the mine, an old car (for power to hoist the coal), a few hundred feet of cable (at 5 cents a foot), a few tools, some dynamite, a strong back and a few kids at home bawling for food. The last isn't absolutely necessary but it helps a lot. But the work is hard, and the pay is small, and the risks are great. And if Joe could get his old job back, he'd take it in a minute.

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There seems to be no answer to this problem. The Company says it cannot put the men to work, and demands that the man be driven off of its property. And the men refuse to starve.

Social Activities

Pi Beta Phi

On Saturday night the Pi Beta Phi sorority held a dinner dance at the Middlebury inn. It was attended by forty-six couples. Music was provided by the Black Panthers. The chaperons were Prof. and Mrs. Perley C. Voter, Prof. and Mrs. Lewis J. Hathaway and Mrs. Janet Kingsley.

Beta Kappa

Thirty couples swung to the rhythm of a radio-victrola at the BK house Saturday night. Prof. and Mrs. V. Spencer Goodreds, and Prof. and rMs. Frank E Howard chaperoned the affair.

Delta Upsilon

The DU house was the scene of a "bar-room brawl" last Saturday night. Twenty-five gayly costumed couples were chaperoned by Prof. and Mrs. Russell G. Sholes, Dean Burt A. Hazeltine and Miss Rose E. Martin.

Chi Psi

Prof. Frank W. Cady and Prof. and Mrs. Harry M. Fife were the chaperons at the Chi Psi lodge tripped to a radio-victrola on Saturday evening. Twenty-five couples were present.

Screen Chatter

—A. Roger Clarke

Wednesday and Thursday

A touching melodydrama with the south as a background, Bobby Breen sings his way to further triumph in "Rainbow on the River". In addition to Bobby Breen's singing and the supporting cast including Charles Butterworth and May Robson the famous Hall Johnson choir is featured in this production. This amazing young tenor sings a multitude of selections ranging from Schubert's "Ave Maria" to "Ring Ring the Banjo". The story centers about the sadness of an old negress who for years has been the guardian of Bobby which, occurs when his Yankee grandmother takes him North.

Friday

This evening the Campus theatre will feature a date night when the men taking girls will have to pay only half fare for their partners. "The Jones Family" and "Off to the Races" will be presented that evening.

Saturday

The beauty of the giant redwood tree country in Northern California and the large timber belt in Oregon and Washington, where some of the nation's largest lumber camps are located, serve as the colorful background for "Park Avenue Logger", George O'Brien's current outdoor picture.

DEFINITE PROGRESS NOTED IN SAXONIAN ACCOMPANYING WIDER RANGE OF TOPICS

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cated individual and it is to be expected that diversification should be one of the key notes of their literature. College publications should encourage this variety of interests and opinions; they are in the formulative state, true, but it is the period in which they need opportunity for expression.

Diversified Interests

This last issue definitely illustrates such a broadened interest. Miss Dawson's "Ask The One Who Lives There", and Jenkin's "New Haven" have a common appeal because of their specific quality. There is a philosophy expressed through the medium of intimate reaction. Regardless of whether or not the subject matter is familiar to the reader, one cannot help but feel an interest in such a sensitive response to a normal everyday environment. There is nothing vague or misty about either piece; nothing profound, but a very personal reaction that justifies itself because of its reality.

Sewell's "Strength Of The Hills" and "Resignation" gain effect because of their straightforward style. They are generally expressive of the thoughts of a college mind. A tinge of satire, some pessimism, a smattering of Dos Passos or perhaps Hemingway, and the result is a clear-cut impression of what was in the author's mind. The pieces are realistic, perhaps overdrawn somewhat for emphasis, but nevertheless successful in creating a mood and a definite reaction.

"Modern Dance" by Miss Heldman is a particularly good example of the variety of interest which it is desirable to include. It is a direct recording of a rather unusual experience serving a dual purpose of narration and interpretation. Modern art in all phases is a timely subject and such an article, viewing the matter from the inside looking out rather than vice-versa is both interesting and instructive.

Cridland's "Labor Versus Capital" and Piskor's "Notes On Americans" serve to introduce an added aspect of student thought, centering around economics. Both articles are, first of all, encouraging, in that they certainly illustrate that not all campus minds have reverted to the "1928 smugness" about contemporary affairs. Further than mere interest, there is illustrated an accurate working conception of contemporary affairs.

Originality Of Thought

Thus the matter of college literary publications as it exists today. This article was not written as a critical review; its aim is not to create an opinion of good or bad regarding the contributions to the Saxonian. Rather, it is to present the case of the publication, to defend it if need be, to justify its existance if it does not justify itself. Its aim is for versatility and originality of thought; it is to present an opportunity for the expression of creativeness in the making. As such, it should be criticized from the point of view of the possibilities of its writers, not necessarily their actualities.

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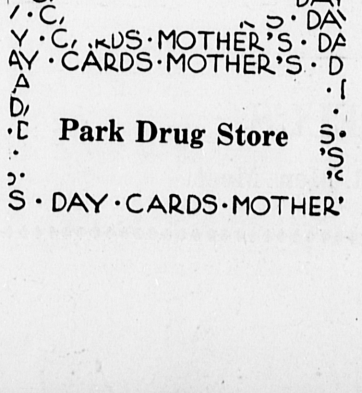

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On The Ball

by Soule

It is customary among ball players in most any sport to have a jargon of their own to describe various incidents, individuals, and plays. In years past phrases have been coined by fertile-minded Middlebury athletes to express some phase of the game. Perhaps the most expert of these was none other than "Duke" Nelson. He had an original expression for every play of the ball game. It was a dialect that one can never forget or copy—it was a unique trait in an unusual personality. Though not so startling in their effect, there have been others too, both here and outside of this small but dynamic realm of activity.

The sum total of the words of all have become a language adding color and humor to every athletic contest. Of late few new words and phrases have been added to the dialect; though perhaps it isn't pertinent that there should be more, I'm offering a few of the choicest expressions selected from a dictionary full of them for your approval or disapproval. Most of them apply to baseball as there is more opportunity for usage on the diamond than the gridiron, rink, court, or what have you. Here they are, take 'em or leave 'em.

Angels ----------
small white clouds helping in judging high flies.

Cigar box ----------Porter field
Blooper -----Fluke hit over the infield
Rubinoff --A star always in need of a haircut
Swiped a hassock ------Stole a base
Cunnythumb ------Slow Ball Pitcher
Eagle Claw ----------A baseball glove
Bleeder ----------Scratchy single
Can of corn ----------High lazy fly
Banana stock --A bat with poor wood in it
Dunker ----A pop fly over the infield
Tissue paper Tom An athlete easily hurt
Horse collar --Time at bat without a hit
Butter cup hitter --A batter or golfer with no power behind drives
Fireman --Player who showers and dresses quickly
Losen him up--Throw him a bean ball
Unbutton your shirt Take a good swing
Tools of ignorance --Catcher's paraphernalia
Blue dart ----------A line drive
Yodeler --------Coach on third base
Percentage Patsy --One who plays for individual gain
Chokes in the clutch--Not so good in the pinches
Arlie Latham--A ball hit to an infielder on a nice, easy hop
Blind Tom ----------An umpire
Melancholy moaner --A drive in golf that a strong wind holds back
Contractor's back yard--Bumpy or uneven infield
High pockets--Player who has extra-long legs
Fishing trip --Taking a swing at a bad ball
Dressing room lawyer --A player who airs bolshevik views in the dressing room
Duster --A bean ball to drive the batter away from the plate
Rabbit ears --Player who tries to hear everything that is said about him
Pulled the string --Threw a slow ball
Hind snatcher ----------A catcher
Putty arm ----------A bad arm
Two o'clock hitter --One who hits line drives in batting practice, but pops up in the game
Count the stitches --Looking at a slow ball float to the plate
Hand-cuffed --Hard hit through the fielder's hands
Baltimore chop --Bounder that hits the plate and bounces high in the air
Submarine --Underhand delivery or sinker
Gillette --A ball thrown at the batter's head
Deal from the bottom--To pitch underhand
Leather players --Good fielders who can't hit
Wood players --Good hitters who can't field
Tie off ----------Hit one hard

Nashmen To Meet Union Nine Today

Diamond Squad To Contest Colgate and Ithaca Away On Thursday and Friday

Launching their 1937 diamond schedule, the varsity baseball squad left this morning on a three-day tour of central New York where they encounter Union this afternoon, Colgate tomorrow and Ithaca the following day.

Because of bad weather this season, the squad's greatest handicap will be lack of experience. The veteran section will include Kirk at third, Lins, at shortstop, Anderson, in the left field, Labouchere in center field; and Philipson in the right field position. The infield will include Jaques behind the plate, Mahoney at first, and

Three and Two . . .

Boehm at second. These three men are all new faces to the first squad but appear to be strong material for the future. The pitching roster will include Captain Guild, Gustafson, Kingsley, Ranslow, and Tracy.

To date little is known of the strength of the Union squad, coached by ex-Middlebury Coach Nelson, as today's game is the Schenectady team's first contest. However, the loss of several of last year's lettermen has been severly felt, and a new team will see action. They have been able to accomplish slightly more in their practice sessions, however, as they have encountered better weather and have been able to experience early-season indoor batting practice. Strong competition is looked for though, and a good game is in store for the Panthers.

Colgate, like Union, has suffered the loss of several important lettermen, but the Red Raiders can be counted on to have an excellent club on the field for Thursday's encounter. They have experienced several weeks more of concentrated practice and all reports point to a very strong team. This game, in all probablity will be the toughest encounter of the tour and Coach Nash is not expecting too much of his club. Several preschedule games have aided the Colgate team and the Red Raiders appear to have a slightly superior team to our inexperienced club.

Early season reports point to a strong Ithaca team for the coming season and Friday's contest with the Blue and Gold will see both teams in good form. Ithaca will be at slightly better form as the same advantage of longer practice that will be felt in all the games will prevail at Ithaca. The Ithacans have held several early games but no definite conclusion can be reached as to their strength this early in the season.

A small supporting squad accompanied the above mentioned starting lineup. The batteries for the opening game were not announced as Coach Nash held his final decision for game-time.

INTRAMURAL SPORTS

The present standing in the intramural competition this year shows Delta Kappa Epsilon in the first place, with Delta Upsilon following in the second berth.

The totals shown below do not include points won in the decathlon or in badminton, nor have points been yet given for those members of fraternities on varsity teams.

The four events yet to take place are golf, tennis, track and baseball. Golf matches will be played about the end of April, weather permitting, and it is not likely that baseball will commence until May. Intramural tennis will begin as soon as varsity tennis gets well under way.

The following is the standing of the fraternities to date:

Delta Kappa Epsilon	360
Delta Upsilon	316 ½
Kappa Delta Rho	297
Chi Psi	235
Beta Kappa	146 ½
Sigma Phi Epsilon	111
Alpha Sigma Phi	60

As the intramural competition for this season draws to a close, all eyes are turned toward the coveted "Trophy of Trophies", the annual award of the interfraternity council to the fraternal group having gained the largest number of points through intramural competition. The award is based on an intricate scoring system including the results of all three season contests and each fraternity's part in varsity sports. Delta Kappa Epsilon was the successful contender for last year's award with Delta Upsilon a close second.

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L. I. U. 6	Providence 4
L. I. U. 18	St. Peter's 3
Williams 0	Mass. State 3
L. I. U. 3	St. John's 7
Colgate 9	Cornell 10

Track

Wesleyan 70	Springfield 65

Eight Teams Commence Badminton Tournament

A mixed douples badminuton tournament started yesterday in which eight couples were entered.

First round elimination will be determined by two out of three games, and three out of five games must be won to stay in the semi finals and finals.

In the first round matches the following will participate. Paul B. Guarnaccia '38 and Norma E. Parsons '39 against Phillip G. Brown '37 and Dorothea R. Mathison '37. John C. Seixas '37 and Elizabeth A. Dunning '39 against Paul G. Buskey '38 and Margaret E. Hope '37. Thomas N. Murray '39 and Ruth F. vanSickle '37 against William G. Craig '37 and Louise Hoyt '38. Jean P. Labouchere '37 and Olive M. Jenne '40 against George D. Phinney '37 and Jane Liddle '38.

W. A. A.

A meeting of the Women's Athletic Association will be held Thursday afternoon after the Student government meeting. Election of the heads of sports for the year 1937-38 will take place.

Senior emblems are to be awarded to Beatrice M. Lindgren, Dorothea R. Mathison, and Jessie B. Weaver. W. A. A. Jackets will be presented to Arne L. Bulkeley '38, Doris M. Downing '37, Louise Hoyt '38, Jane Liddle '38, Florence A. Overton '38, Elizabeth W. Warner '38, and Erma A. Wright '37.

On Saturday April 10, a delegation of sixteen girls from Middlebury attended a play day at the University of Vermont. Teams in competition were composed of both U. V. M. and Midd students.

Tennis Tryouts To Play In Round-Robin Tourney

Aspirants to the tennis squad are being given a chance to make a showing by participating in a round-robin tournament which was started this week. Two positions remain to be filled before the second match, which is to be held May 8.

Entered in the tournament are Ward, Pickard, Macdowell, Jerrell, Luria, Rowe, Van Buren and Winslow '40 in the order named. Each man will challenge the man above him, and upon winning may advance to the next position.

A four-man team: Brown, O'Keefe, Buskey, and Kier will play St. Lawrence at Canton, New York May 1. These men comprise the present varsity.

The tennis team faces one of the stiffest schedules ever to be played by a Middlebury team. Williams, whose number one man is rated as the outstanding player in New England, Springfield and Trinity, to mention the most formidable, promise opposition of the highest type.

Panther Golf Four Will Contest Union

Middlebury Is Expected To Show Strength for Initial Match Here on Tuesday

With four veterans to strengthen it the Middlebury golf team will have an edge on Union in its first match of the season here on April 2.

In contrast to the well-seasoned Blue and White aggregation only one of the golfers from Schenectady will have had varsity experience when the two teams tee off on the Middlebury course. The four Middmen who are expected to form the backbone of the team in the intercollegiate golfing wars this season are: Captain Johnson in number one position, followed by Neilson, Riccio and Petrizzi in that order. In addition Phinney, varsity baseball veteran of past seasons, is expected to reinforce the group.

Middlebury and Union have broken even in the last two years of competition. In 1935 Midd won at Schenectady and lost here, while in 1936 the Garnet won at home and lost here. There will be another home and home series this year. Following the match April 27 the Blue and White will travel to Union on May 5.

The Middlebury course is rapidly drying out in the warm sun of the past few days. Play is now possible on all but the sixth green and it is expected that the entire course will be in good condition for the Union encounter.

Spring Football Will Be Discontinued Until Regular Fall Practice Session

According to an announcement made yesterday, spring football practice has been discontinued for the season.

All football men who are interested in continuing unorganized practice in preparation for fall may do so. Equipment may be obtained by applying at the gymnasium.

Spring football has been conducted in past years at Middlebury to provide experience for fall. Men not engaged in other athletics participated. Many football candidates this year, however, are engaged in other spring sports.

Track Squad Will Engage Wesleyan

Brownmen Will Encounter Strong Connecticut Team At Middletown Saturday

Journeying to Middleton, Conn., the Blue and White track team will meet Wesleyan Saturday, April 24. Last year Middlebury lost to Wesleyan to the tune of 69-65, winning the running events and losing the field contests.

To date Wesleyan has won several indoor meets and has held practices for two months in their indoor field house. Reports have it that Wesleyan's field men are in good shape taking advantage of the indoor facilities. Last year Wesleyan swept the pole vault, hammer and the broad jump placing 1-2-3. In the hurdles Roxby was second to MacLean and Clark ran the 220 in 21.8 to beat Williams. DePollo came second in the mile and the half-mile. Wesleyan was weak in the shot-put and the javelin. The Panther won the track events 41-31 and lost in the field 38-24.

Coach Brown will run Williams in the sprints choosing the other men in trials from Hill, McCarthy, Hanson, Striem, Thomson and Vartuli. In the 440 Foster, Hill, and Quackenbush will compete while MacFadyen, P. Cushman and Quackenbush are entered in the half-mile. MacFadyen and R. Cushman lead the field in the mile while Post, Hard and Richardson are the two milers. Craig, James, and Rathbone are the timber toppers in the sixty yard highs and in the low hurdles Rathbone has turned in the best time followed by Craig, Williams, and James.

Guarnaccia, Cridland and Davis will throw the discus for the Blue and White. Cridland will throw the hammer and Riccio and Guarnaccia will heave the shot-put. Swett and Post will top the bar for the high jump while in the pole vault Hoffmann and Barclay have scaled the best heights. Westin, Kaufman, and Fairchild lead the field in the javelin throw.

Prospects are not too bright for the meet Saturday considering Wesleyan's record to date and the poor weather conditions which have hampered the Blue and White men from regular practising. In the track events the Panther stands a fair chance and the field events are in the balance.

Upon the squad's return from Middletown, practice sessions will be conducted throughout the following week in preparation for the team's second meet of the season at Williams a week from this Saturday. The Williams meet will probably prove one of the most interesting meets of the current season. Both teams will find themselves in excellent shape after their opening meets and will be at top notch to try each other's mettle.

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NOVEL DECORATIONS TO BE FEATURED AT JUNIOR PROMENADE

(Continued from page 1)

Saturday evening the various fraternities will sponsor open house parties preceded in the afternoon by a tea dance at the Middlebury inn featuring the Black Panthers. Throughout the period from Thursday to Saturday there will be athletic contests consisting of baseball games and tennis matches.

Sunday night the festivities will close with interfraternity and intersorority singing on the steps of Mead chapel. Here again the independent association will participate for the first time.

Dr. Hamish M. Turner Death Reported April 12 in Scotland

Word has recently been received of the death on April 12 of Dr. Hamish McNeil Turner, in Edinburgh, Scotland. He had spent the year 1935-1936 teaching chemistry at Middlebury as an exchange professor.

Prof. Ennis B. Womack took over his duties at the University of Edinburgh during that time.

Dr. Turner spent his youth in London and later went to Edinburgh where obtained his Ph.D. in organic chemistry.

Several of Dr. Turner's students are George H. Daniels '36 and Sylvia J. Henderson '36 at University of Heidelberg. at present studying abroad including

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Passos as the most influential novelist of the moment, while he condemned Thomas Wolfe as being "windy inept, naive, and adolescent", aying that he lacks discipline, but that he is, potentially, a great writer. Dos passos represents the present effort to exhibit currents and energies of a whole society, the group novel movement whose unforgivable fault is that it does not create men and women with whom the reader can feel any sympathy, since they are not real people.

"Fiction has committed suicide in its effort to portray the mass man," the speaker declared. He went on to say that fiction and the individual are inseparable and that, since 1912, American fiction has been primarily sociological, not psychological, has followed Twain and Howells rather than Hawthorne and Melville, and has been concerned with the individual's reaction to his environment, not to himself.

In conclusion, Mr. De Voto predicted the emergence of a psychological group novel portraying the relationships of individuals. He described this particular art form as being an "intangible, and impalpable union of many selves, of dynamic relationships" and as resulting in "an exquisite and difficult fiction".

Mr. De Voto might be criticized for speaking down from a literary peak of Parnaccus as far as the majority of his listeners were concerned. To an American Literature student his frequent references would be comprehensible; to a French student they would merely increase his already irritated reaction to the necessity of supplying the conclusion of each sentence for himself. From a literary viewpoint, Mr. De Voto's paper was excellent; judged as a lecture it was sadly dissappointing.

After the talk a reception was held in the Abernethy wing at the library. Each year the anniversary of Julian Abernethy is celebrated by having some well-known man of letters speak at the college.

Kleine Gruppe Holds Meeting At Professor Skilling's Home

A meeting of the Kleine Gruppe was held at the home of Prof. Everett Skillings on Wednesday, April 14.

There were seven people present who played games of German cards and sang German songs. Refreshments were served, also in the Deutschland motif.

The Kleine Gruppe is a small group within the German club made up of the advanced students. Here German customs, music and literature are studied and an effort is made that the students become more familiar with the language.

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trictions as to length, subject matter or treatment. The deadline for contributions is April 26. First, second and third prizes of twenty-five, fifteen and ten dollars will be awarded. Contributions of a general or specific nature will also be welcome and should be handed in before May 1.

Following the May issue, the Saxonian will announce the winners of the special prizes to the contributors who have had the largest number of units accepted in this year's publications.

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